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1. ECHEVERRIA'S ALGERIA VISIT JULY 14-17 PRODUCED WARM BATH
OF SOFT-CORE THIRD WORLD RHETORIC BUT LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE.
ITS SPIRIT TYPIFIED BY BANNER PUT UP BY ALGERIANS AND
READING, "TOTAL SUPPORT TO ALL JUST CAUSES IN THE WORLD."

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2. ECHEVERRIA MADE OBVIOUS EFFORT IN SPEECHES AND PRESS

CONFERENCES TO INGRATIATE HIMSELF. HE STRESSED IDENTITY OF ALGERIAN AND MEXICAN EXPERIENCES (REVOLUTIONARY TRIALS, AGRARIAN REFORM, NATIONALIZATION OF OIL RESOURCES) AND EMPHASIZED MEXICO'S SOLIDARITY WITH ALGERIA'S "AVANT GARDE AND REALISTIC POLICY" AND INTERNATIONAL VIEWS AND WITH NONALIGNED/THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC DEMANDS.

3. HE ALSO CALLED FOR JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS BASED ON UN RESOLUTIONS, EXPRESSED DESIRE MEET WITH ARAFAT, STATED HE DID NOT SEE MEXICO JOINING OPEC FOR MOMENT, AND PARADED MEXICO'S CUBA AND ALLENDE TIES AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

4. COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT SIGNED BY COMMERCE MINISTERS. ACCORDS BEING PREPARED ON ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC MATTERS. WE UNDERSTAND MEXICANS TRYING TO WIN AUTO PLANT PROJECT FOR MEXICAN VOLKSWAGEN AFFILIATE, ARGUING NEED FOR THIRD WORLD MUTUAL SUPPORT; WE DOUBT THEIR PROSPECTS ARE VERY GOOD.

5. FINAL COMMUNIQUE STRESSED ALGERIAN-MEXICAN AGREEMENT ON THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY AND ON NECESSITY OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND OF REINFORCEMENT OF BATTLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, RACISM, COLONIALISM, ETC. COMMUNIQUE SALUTED VICTORIES OF INDOCHINA PEOPLES, CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, OPPOSED CUBA EMBARGO, SUPPORTED PANAMA CLAIMS TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER CANAL AND PAID HOMAGE TO ALLENDE.

6. AFTER PRESENTING BOUMEDIENE'S EXPLANATION OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, COMMUNIQUE SIMPLY REMARKED THAT ECHEVERRIA HAD "LISTENED WITH GREAT INTEREST." WOULD NOTE THAT CONTENTS OF FBIS REPORT OF ECHEVERRIA PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON KISSINGER "RECENT THREATS" (FBIS LONDON LD 170241Y) WERE NOT CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS.

7. WE WOULD CLASSIFY VISIT AS FAIRLY ROUTINE IN TERMS FESTIVITIES ARRANGED AND RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED. THERE CONSIDERABLY LESS HOOPLA, FOR INSTANCE, THAN THERE WAS FOR KIM IL SUNG VISIT. BOUMEDIENE'S DINNER FOR ECHEVERRIA AND LATTER'S DINNER IN RETURN, BOTH HELD AT PALAIS DU PEUPLE, UNINSPIRING. THERE ONLY SO MANY THINGS ALGERIAN COOKS CAN DO WITH BOILED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUTTON. IN THEIR SPEECHES TWO HEADS OF STATE VIED WITH EACH OTHER IN MONOTONY OF DELIVERY, BUT BOUMEDIENE WON HANDS DOWN. FOR THE OCCASION, ALGERIANS IMPORTED SPANISH-SPEAKING INTERPRETER WHO IS SECOND SECRETARY OF EGYPTIAN EMBASSY MADRID, INDICATING LENGTHS TO WHICH ARABIZATION BEING PURSUED. NON-SPANISH, NON-ARABIC SPEAKERS AT DINNER LEFT IN TOTAL IGNORANCE AS TO PROCEEDINGS. MRS. BOUMEDIENE MUCH IN EVIDENCE AT DINNER TABLE AND AT AIRPORT FAREWELL, LOOKING VERY PRETTY. SHE AND MEXICAN

LADIES PROVIDED ONLY NOTE OF GAIETY TO PROCEEDINGS.

8. CONTACT WITH PARTY LIMITED BY ALGERIAN PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS. ONLY COMMENTS ON VISIT WE ABLE TO EXTRACT FROM TWO BRIEF CONTACTS WERE THAT VISIT HAD GONE WELL BUT PARTY TIRED AND HOT (TEMPERATURE WAS LOCALLY UNHEARD OF 102 ON SECOND DAY OF VISIT). AT THIS RATE, THEY SHOULD BE EXHAUSTED BY TIME THEY GET TO CAIRO.

9. OF SOME INTEREST TO US IS FACT THAT MINISTR OF INTERIOR ABDELGHANI GIVEN SECOND-RANKING ALGERIAN SEAT AT DINNER TABLE, WELL ABOVE HIS SENIORS, PRESUMABLY MEANING HE DESIGNATED AS ESCORT OFFICER, BUT PERHAPS SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT HIS PLACE IN THE PECKING ORDER. FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA ABSENT AS USUAL. PARKER

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